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## Network Crash Raises Concerns

By Erin Rodman  
Bulletin Asst. News Editor

On Monday Dec. 8, Computer and Network Services (CNS) made a change in the network system that had a devastating effect on certain members of the Mary Washington College faculty and staff.

"CNS decided late last semester to change the archive location for every GroupWise user," said Gardner Campbell, professor of English, linguistics and speech. "Unfortunately, this version of GroupWise has a problem with archiving."

CNS made the decision to change archive locations because students were archiving e-mail and overloading the system.

"CNS told no one they were going to make the change and told no one once the change was made," said Campbell, who lost 2-3 working days during exam week working on his e-mail account.

"In my case, I lost access to over 4500 archived e-mails," he said. "Because of a change that was unannounced, I lost access to all those messages regarding committees,

colleagues and personnel."

Campbell is not alone. Karen Hartman, a librarian in Simpson Library lost access to her e-mail for approximately five days during that same week.

"All of a sudden my e-mail wasn't available to me. No access at all," she said.

Hartman said she called the CNS help desk, and they said they were working on the problem, and it would be fixed soon.

"That's the hard part. People are trying to contact you for business and meetings, and their messages bounce back," she said. "I literally became a nonentity. I was erased from the whole database."

Five thousand messages were dumped into Hartman's mailbox after five days without the network.

"Some of them were messages I deleted up to a year ago," she said. "Some messages were repeated 20-30 times."

After hours of sifting through all the messages and almost a week of lost time, everything got back to normal.

"I felt like I lost everything, and I got some things back but my connection to my work

was disrupted," she said. "They didn't appreciate my plight."

Hartman co-wrote a book titled "Searching and Researching on the Internet and on the World Wide Web" with Ernest Ackermann, professor of computer science and best-selling author, that was published in December. All business involving the book transpired via e-mail. If the incident had occurred just a week earlier, chapters of the book would have been lost or damaged.

"Everyone realizes that something has to be done. Communication is so important," said Hartman. "[The system] is growing. People count on it."

Novell, the company that produces the software used for Groupwise, had warned of changing archive locations on their website since 1995.

"This problem has existed for two years and CNS had no idea," said Campbell. "It's not hard to find, it's right there."

The new director of CNS, Joe Haynes, arranged for a three-way conference call between a Novell technician, Campbell and a CNS technician. According to Campbell,



Diana May/Bullet

Sarah Stacy, sophomore, checks her e-mail in Trinkle Hall despite the network's problems.

the Novell technician said that in MWC's version of GroupWise 4.1, changing the location of the archive was completely inadvisable because of these problems.

He also stated that there was absolutely no way to recover access to Campbell's data.

Carol Martin, associate vice-president of

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## Associate Dean Leaves MWC For New Position

By Penny Beverage  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Stanley L. Groppe, associate dean of the department of graduate and continuing education, will be leaving Mary Washington College on Feb. 27 to take a position at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn.

According to Groppe, he will serve as executive director of a department much like Mary Washington's department of graduate and continuing education.

"This is similar, but it's called the Business and Community Solution Center," Groppe said.

As executive director of this center, he will be working with a staff of 12 to 14 people and aiding such programs as the small business development center, extending learning, economics development center, the Elderhostel, continuing education and Microsoft and Novell training.

During his time at the college, Groppe has seen the Bachelor of Liberal Studies program change especially within the department.

"In the BLS program, we've increased the numbers of people that are enrolled in the BLS program, so that's significant," Groppe said.

Groppe has been at the college for seven years and has enjoyed his time here at Mary Washington and hopes the department and the programs it handles will continue to expand after he has left, he said.

"I'd like to see the program grow. I think we especially need more evening courses. We need more departments that are willing to

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Karen Pearlman/Bullet

## Rolling Down Campus Walk

Beth Pollard, freshman, and her partner race down campus walk in Class Council and Student Activities' Winter Carnival.

## SGA Proposes Houses For Clubs

By Angela Zosel  
Bulletin Features Editor

A proposal by members of the Student Government Association may return the former special interest houses to students' hands. The proposal given to the president and Vince DiBenedetto, chair of the student affairs committee of the board of visitors, requests that student organizations located in Woodard Campus Center move their offices to the small houses.

"The ultimate goal for this objective is to create social recreation space in Woodard Campus Center," the proposal stated. "This move will also generate more space for the student organizations which are currently housed insufficiently."

According to Matt Galeone, president of the student government association, plans for the proposal began when MWC President William Anderson approached SGA with the idea.

"President Anderson has been wanting for a while now to better use the space in the Campus Center and really make it a place for all students to go," Galeone said. "He came to Student Government asking us for suggestions."

Erika Gialmo, vice president of the SGA, Brooks L'Allier, president of the commuting student association, and Galeone conducted several meetings with student leaders and used that input to draft the proposal.

If the relocation takes place, the freed space in the campus center could then be

converted into a variety of possible attractions. Suggestions include a game room, a pub and expansion of the Eagles Nest.

"Students...have expressed the overwhelming need for a place where they can meet together in a social setting on campus," the proposal said.

Some suggested elements include pool tables, air hockey, ping pong, video games and ample seating.

According to the proposal, students have expressed interest in a pub, reasoning that many of age students leave campus because they want to be able to drink responsibly, and no place on campus can accommodate that. The proposal stated that any pub built on campus should have a liquor license.

Administrative reaction seems to be positive in regard to possible plans for a recreation center. Bernard Chirico, dean of student

affairs, expressed support for the development of such a center.

"I'm all for having some recreational space," Chirico said. "Since I took this position, I've been lobbying for something like that."

However, representatives of the president's office stressed the fact that no definite plans have been made.

"No decisions have been made at this time," said Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to the president. "It's certainly a time for discussion and information-gathering, but no decisions have been made."

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## Biology Professor Quits Abruptly Leaving Department Short

By Lauren Q. Chadwick  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Citing personal and professional differences with the biology department, Gary Brown, assistant professor of biology, left his position unexpectedly before the start of the spring semester.

"I felt professionally and personally uncomfortable in the department. I think the department has a lot of personal problems to solve," he said.

Brown had taught at Mary Washington for three-and-a-half years. He was offered a two-year contract instead of a three-year contract. Three-year contracts are often considered an indication that a

professor will eventually be recommended for tenure.

"My peer and student reviews were excellent. My research and professional skills were excellent. I couldn't understand why I was only given a two-year contract," Brown said.

"I had the feeling that I was unwelcome in the department; being offered only a two-year contract drove home that feeling. I disagreed with the contract and that is why I left. It was a professional reason," Brown said.

Brown left MWC to accept a position at DuPont Agricultural Products as a patent liaison complex in biotechnology. According to Brown, the job offer included a

significant increase in salary to more than \$65,000 a year, as well as other benefits that he did not receive as a faculty member at MWC.

He also vacated his position as scholar-in-residence of New Hall where he functioned as a liaison between students and the Office of Academic Affairs. According to Rick Surita, director of residence life, Brown informed the office that he would not be returning for the spring semester before winter break began.

"He kept us informed the entire time and gave us plenty of time to find a replacement," Surita said.

Jennifer Eichstedt, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, is New Hall's scholar-in-residence for the spring semester.

Rosemary Barra, chairperson of the biology department, refused to comment on Brown's contract and the personal and professional problems indicated by Brown.

"He decided to leave. It was his decision," Barra said.

According to Brown, if he had been offered a three-year contract, he would have considered staying.

Brown is not the first biology faculty member to leave in the middle of an academic year. Dan Abel resigned from his position as assistant professor of biology in 1994 after five and a half years at MWC. Abel had been recommended for tenure by the faculty committee on tenure before he resigned. Abel expressed his reasons for leaving the department in a guest

"I think the department has a lot of personal problems to solve."

-- Gary Brown



column in the Bulletin on Jan. 27, 1994. "I could not continue to work in a department that was complicit, if not totally responsible for abridging my

academic freedom; a department that treated me so unfairly," Abel said.

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## Weather

THURSDAY: Showers, low 34, high 43.



FRIDAY: Cloudy, low 25, high 44.

SATURDAY: Variably cloudy, low 25, high 44.

# Police Beat

By Chevrone Bray  
Bulletin Staff Writer

## INJURY/ILLNESS

On Jan. 25, a student in Ball Hall was suffering from stomach pains. The student was transported to the hospital by the rescue squad.

On Jan. 29, a student in Trinkle Hall fainted and was taken to the hospital by the rescue squad.

## DUI/DIP

On Jan. 23, Dennis Rudnick of Jefferson Hall was charged with DIP at College Avenue and Brent Street.

On Jan. 30, Kristie Ann Ochs of Fredericksburg was charged with DUI during the course of a traffic stop.

On Feb. 1, Jeremy Benjamin Young and Ryan Llau of Randolph Hall were both charged with DIP at William Street and College Avenue.

On Feb. 1, Harold L. Banks of Spotsylvania was charged with DUI.

## MISC.

On Jan. 25, there was a possible odor of marijuana in Russell Hall. Upon further investigation no drugs were found.

On Jan. 28, an ex-Seacobeck Hall employee was hauled from campus.

On Feb. 2, David Khadduri of Tappanahock, Va. was arrested for larceny of a Massachusetts car and possession of heroin. Khadduri was wanted by authorities in Essex County and is being held with no bond.

## LARCENY

On Jan. 21, an ID was stolen from Seacobeck Hall. The item is valued at \$20.

On Jan. 22, a bookbag and its contents were stolen from Seacobeck Hall. The items are valued at \$45.

On Jan. 23, Debra McMullen of Caroline County was arrested in connection with a larceny that occurred in Marshall Hall on Nov. 30. McMullen was hauled from campus and is being held in the Rappahannock Regional jail on a bond of \$5000.

On Jan. 27, bike parts were stolen from Randolph Hall. The items are valued at \$200.

On Jan. 28, some jewelry was stolen from a room in Westmoreland Hall. The items are worth \$115.

On Jan. 29, some keys and an ID were stolen from Woodward Campus Center. The items are valued at \$28.

On Jan. 29, a wallet and an ID were stolen from Woodward Campus Center. The items are valued at \$26.

On Jan. 31, there was an administrative seizure of alcohol in Randolph Hall.

On Feb. 1, two Fredericksburg juveniles were charged with possession of marijuana.

## VANDALISM

On Jan. 30, \$100 worth of damage at Jefferson Hall.

On Feb. 2, there was a BB pellet hole found in a window at the Physical Plant.

# Senate Beat

Mark Agee  
Bulletin Staff Writer

The senate had three new motions brought to its attention this week. Junior Lindsay Morgan moved that the welfare committee try to stop computer and network services from eliminating some student organizations' e-mail accounts.

CNS wants student organizations to use the new internet message board on the MWC website. Morgan said that GroupWise is much more accessible because some students only have e-mail in their room and not the internet. The motion passed overwhelmingly.

Maylian Pak, a sophomore, proposed two new motions. The first one being that the student opinions committee take a survey about student perceptions of the honor council.

Honor Council Representative David Sands told the senate that they want to know "what students want." The motion passed.

Pak then proposed that the welfare committee look into installing telephones on the second and third floors of the library to increase convenience for students. The motion was narrowly defeated with dissenters saying that installing new phone-lines is an expensive way to avoid walking a few flights of stairs.

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computer and network services, said that CNS was having some problems during December 1997 but research was conducted as to the effect the change of archive location would have on Groupwise users. However, only a couple of people were affected, such as Campbell, she said.

"There is no documentation about anything like that happening in any GroupWise program," she said, adding that the information on the Novell web site was for people at the user level, not CNS technicians.

"It was certainly not planned to disrupt anyone," said Martin. "We were unaware of what would happen." "I understand people make mistakes. I can even understand people not having the knowledge," said Campbell. "But, if I had known they were going to make this change I would have taken steps to protect myself. As it was, I had no clue."

Since the incident, Martin has sent weekly e-mails regarding updates and incident reports on the network.

"They are taking good and necessary steps," said Campbell. "I hope we continue to see [the weekly e-mail]."

An e-mail sent by Philip Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, on Jan. 13, stated, "It would be unrealistic, this spring or in the more distant future, to expect our network or any other network, to be completely free of unanticipated crashes, downtime, and other unacceptable frustrations."

"I agree with Dean Hall that no computer system is perfect, nevertheless, those factors that we can control should be controlled in a responsible manner," said Campbell.

CNS has been dealing with complaints all year about the network system from faculty, staff and students. "It's been difficult to get problems resolved," said Ackermann. "It's a pretty stressful situation when things aren't working well. So many things are going wrong. It's tough to find the bright spots."

Both Ackermann and Campbell agree GroupWise and e-mail into their syllabi and use them for their classes. "It's hard to do what you've been doing all semester and then have it not be available," said Ackermann. "People [in CNS] before just ignored it and expected

it to go away," he said. "Since then we can see that they do say 'what can we do for you' - really helpful."

"There are a lot of misconceptions about us," said Martin. "Over all it's a wonderful network."

Another department has been crucial in aiding faculty in their computer difficulties.

"People in instructional technology are especially helpful. Typically, when I have a problem come up, I talk to them and most times they come up with a solution," said Ackermann.

Director of Instructional Technology (IT), David Ayersman, has been in contact with many staff in order to help them with the network problems.

The IT department provides training for faculty, staff and students from the most basic level in the classroom to general campus-wide training.

Many of the problems with the network have to do with the age of the system.

"Athens is old. It's time to replace it. You can't buy some of the drivers and software for it," Ayersman said of the current server. "It doesn't get along with the new software."

Regarding Campbell's, Hartman's and other faculty's problems and losses with CNS, Ackermann and Ayersman have their opinions about what could be done.

"The archive feature in GroupWise is an accident waiting to happen," said Ayersman. "More input and more caution could have been exercised."

"When you make a change generally you make sure there is a way of recovery," said Ackermann. "This school has a tremendous investment in the system as well as a lot of intellectual effort. We need to know there's support there."

As for the future of CNS and the network, many changes for the next year are planned to bring the network into more efficient working order.

This month a new Athens server will be installed. During Spring Break, an internet upgrade is planned. In March new dial-up services will be installed which will expand dial-in lines and speed as well as the quality of transmission. Next summer the network will move to GroupWise 5.3 which is a major version change.



## Clinton Proposes Balanced Budget

President Clinton proposed the first balanced budget in 30 years in a key political move that is expected to relieve some of the pressure from the media concerning the Monica Lewinsky affair. In the historic budget proposal, education spending is slated to increase 10.4 percent next year.

## Tension With Iraq Grows

The U.S. and Iraq are still at immovable odds over U.S.-led U.N. demands that Iraq allow inspection of its chemical weapons facilities in order to comply with post-Gulf War sanctions. Iraq has consistently refused to allow inspections, which has prompted President Clinton to threaten military action if the inspections are not allowed.

## AIDS Deaths Down

In the past year, AIDS deaths have dropped 44 percent. According to the Center for Disease Control, 12,040 Americans died from complications from AIDS in 1997, compared to 21,460 in 1996. The dramatic decline is attributed by scientists and doctors to new drug treatments that are more effective in treating illnesses than previously available medications.

## Abortion Clinic Bombed

On Jan. 29, one week after the 25th anniversary of the Supreme Court's historic Roe vs. Wade decision, a large bomb exploded at a Birmingham, Ala. abortion clinic. The blast killed an off-duty policeman and injured a nurse. Tensions in Birmingham have been high recently as state lawmakers debate whether or not to allow partial birth abortions in Alabama.

## Clinton Surviving Lewinsky Allegations

Kenneth Starr's independent council investigation into allegations by former White House intern Monica Lewinsky of sexual misconduct and perjury by President Clinton have slowed after last week's torrid barrage of accusations by the media and subsequent denials by the White House. The hailstorm of media criticism has apparently not affected voters, as the latest poll showed 67 percent of the American public approved of the way Clinton is handling his job as President.

# News Briefs

## CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

• The Ridderhof Martin Gallery will exhibit "The Body and Gender" on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. from Nov. 7 to Feb. 15. The exhibit is free. Questions, (540) 654-2120.

• The Executive Cabinet of the Senate is planning workshops for its upcoming nominations and elections. A candidate must attend a workshop to be nominated. The workshops are in the Student Government Association office in the campus center on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. and on Monday, Feb. 16 at 1 and 7 p.m. Nominations will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 5 p.m. in Monroe 104. Elections for Senate are on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m. in Monroe 104. Questions, contact Chris at (540) 654-3123 or the SGA office at (540) 654-1150.

• Seniors must attend one of three senior days to order a cap and gown for graduation. Senior days are on Feb. 5 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The senior days will be in the Underground. Questions, call (540) 654-1135.

• The Community Relations Committee is compiling a booklet for the community listing services students are willing to provide. This is free advertisement for you. Stop by the information desk in the campus center to fill out a form. Questions, call Maylian Pak at (540) 654-4585 or Marliese Millson at (540) 654-3467.

• The Free Lance-Star announces its Minority Journalism Scholarship. Scholarship will be a \$2,500 internship for a ten-week period during the summer of 1998. The intern will cover events, interview newsmakers and write stories for publication under the supervision of an editor. A student must be planning a career in journalism, be a rising junior, senior or graduating senior in college, have a valid driver's license and transportation, be able to type and use a word processor, and be willing to live in the Fredericksburg area during the ten-week program. Submit a cover letter, resume and 5-6 writing samples to The Free Lance-Star, Minority Journalism Internship.

616 Amelia Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. Application deadline is Feb. 27, 1998.

• The duPont Gallery will hold an exhibition entitled "Paul Muick Retrospective from Jan. 16 to Feb. 15. The gallery is open Monday Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibition is free. Questions, (540) 654-2120.

• On Feb. 6, the Cavani String Quartet will have a concert in Lee Hall Ballroom at 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 6. The price of admission is \$5 for non-students, \$2 for students with ID. Questions, (540) 654-1061.

• Jazz musician Stanley Jordan will give a concert in Dodd Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 6. The price of admission is \$5 for non-students, \$2 for students with ID. Questions, (540) 654-1061.

• The Cavani String Quartet will hold a workshop in Pollard Hall room 304 on Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. The workshop is free. Questions, (540) 654-1961.

• Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation will sponsor the Fredericksburg Big Band Jazz Sunday on Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. The concert is free.

• Carmen Gillespie, assistant professor of English, linguistics and speech, will hold a movie and lecture entitled, "Black Is, Black Ain't," on Feb. 9 in Chandler Hall, room 102 from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. The lecture is free. Questions, (540) 654-1543.

• Local poets will read original poetry and works by leading African American poets in a poetry reading entitled, "Gallery of Voices," on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. in Lee Hall Underground. The reading is free. Questions, (540) 654-1044 or (540) 654-3738.

• Career Services is offering a workshop entitled, "Finding Your Place in a Diverse Work Force," on Feb. 12 in Woodward Campus Center, room 4, at 4 p.m. The workshop is free. Questions, (540) 654-1022.

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allow students to complete a major [by taking evening courses]," said Groppe, who received his bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctorate from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Ill.

With the opening of the Stafford Campus of Mary Washington in the foreseeable future, Groppe said he expects that the department will face many changes as time goes on.

"There are lots of additions, lots of changes, going on because of the new campus. We're adding new certificate programs, developing courses," said Groppe.

In addition to enjoying his work at Mary Washington, Groppe said he has also enjoyed the people he has met.

Lisa McCrary, a senior English/Education major and BLS student, said Groppe helped her greatly when she

transferred to Mary Washington from her previous school. "I had a question of error on my transcript and Dr. Groppe was kind enough to alleviate my frustration. He made my day," McCrary said.

Before Groppe came to Mary Washington, he was the director of the Bachelor of Art Independent Studies degree at Murray State University in Murray, Ken. He began here as the assistant dean of the BLS program.

"I know that I will miss the friends and colleagues I have here, and the students — don't forget to add students — because I have a close contact with the BLS students. I'll miss that contact. My new position will not include very much student contact," said Groppe.

The position of associate dean of graduate and continuing education has not yet been filled.



Courtesy of Stan Groppe  
Stan Groppe

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# OPINIONS

## A New Solution

As reported in this week's Bulletin, SGA has proposed to MWC President William Anderson ideas which might return the special interest houses to the students.

In the proposal, SGA suggested that the former special interest houses be converted into offices for the many student organizations currently located in the Woodard Campus Center (SGA, Class Council, C.O.A.R., the Bulletin, Giant Productions and the Polemic among others).

While this idea does indeed give the houses back to the students, it all but solidifies the fact that they will never be lived in by students again.

Unfortunately, it seems this is our only opportunity to reclaim these houses.

Anderson solicited ideas from the SGA, and the student body at large, to alleviate the crowded office space in the campus center, allowing the possibility of using that office space for pool tables, a possible tavern, and a game room.

Obviously, the only way this can be accomplished is if the student offices currently located within the campus center move elsewhere. And the only other place these offices could be moved is to the special interest houses.

On the surface, the idea of moving the offices into the houses seems ideal; most organizations are cramped for space and are growing much faster than the offices in the campus center allow.

However, if the administration is willing to let students move back into the interest houses, then why were they so unceremoniously kicked out last May?

If the administration claimed the houses were unsafe for students to live in, then why are they so open to the idea of allowing student offices to relocate there?

There really is no consolation for those students displaced from the special interest houses. But it seems the next best thing to actually living in the houses is giving them to student activities and programs that benefit the entire college community.

And although this idea ends all hope of students living in the interest houses full-time, all we can do is make the best of it, something we've been doing for way too long.

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## Punxsutawney Phil Sees A Little More Than Just His Shadow.

A Cartoon By Dave McKim

## What Did You Come To School Here For? Student Questions The Validity, Motives Of Finance Luncheon

By Sam Rio  
Guest Columnist

Our school has acquired the funds and believes the space exists for further development of our campus.

A luncheon was organized by Mary Washington administrators for the purpose of acknowledging student preferences regarding the expenditure of these resources.

I was in attendance and found some interests expressed by other students to be wholly inappropriate for persons expected to impart the ideas of a "diverse" community. By "diverse" I do not wish to enter into a discussion of our school's claim of multiculturalism—perhaps some

other week will allow itself an explication of the fiction of MWC's claims.

I only mean to express the conviction (naïve as it may be) that my desires for the future of this college may be more ambitious than those portrayed at this luncheon.

As a quick and slight aside: In my estimation, some worthwhile ideas, deserving fruition, were presented. I believe, however, that Bulletin staffers are far more apt than I at illustrating these facets of the luncheon. In consequence of this, we leave this matter to them.

Not including deans, BOV members, and other administrators, between 20 and 25 persons were in attendance at the luncheon. Can a community of over 3000 students be accommodated in the representation

of 20 people?

Of these, seven were from the same camp: four soccer players, their coach, an aerobics instructor, and the "head" of what seemed to be athletics or campus recreation. All seven were pulling for a new gymnasium.

I listened to simulated accounts of Mary Washington losing "top-notch" students to William and Mary because Goolrick lacks the "air of greatness" that our athletic prowess warrants. It was also contended that the poor attendance at basketball games can be attributed to the gym's aesthetic absence.

I interpret that the minimal attendance at sporting events at our college is indicative of a student interest that does not focus on athletics. If we had wanted to attend a school with a "rich" athletic

tradition or we wanted to play on an athletic team with mass student support, why would we have congregated on Mary Washington?

The answer is worth repeating because none of us are mentioning it. We did not come here for athletic reasons; we came to Mary Washington College for educational purposes. We came here to learn.

When I hear a student say, "I don't think a prospective student cares about the size of his English class as much as the baseball team's record," it worries me.

At this time the following

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## Letters to the Editor

### Retiree Praises Student's Courage

Editor:

I read the sad Jan. 29th Bulletin which featured the painful yet courageous expressions of Ms. Shanika Branch's experience of overt, nasty, mean spirited, dehumanizing racism shown by fellow MWC students at a local restaurant.

To Ms. Branch I'd like to say I'm so sorry that she had to experience that in 1998 and by her fellow classmates.

I know it must have been devastatingly painful for her to realize that she is in classes with people like this every day, even chit-chatting with others who truly believe that their white skin confers to them some magical superiority.

Look at the experience as a crash-course in the reality of racism and continue to speak out against it. Although some of us explode while other implode our anger and despair from these onslaughts to our humanity; it makes us all a little crazy.

My way of dealing was always to make sure I was smarter, and sharper both in the classroom and on the job than the majority of the white people in my midst. I found this better than cursing or punching somebody out, which then give them the evidence of our inferiority (though provoked and

maintained by them).

I also found it questioned their sense of intellectual superiority in interesting and unsettling ways. At first they will say you are the exception, but if enough of us tried the same thing we just might totally debunk their negative stereotypes one after another.

I think in this experience Ms. Branch showed herself to be superior in character by not challenging her harasser right there on the spot which she rightly deserved.

Good luck to Ms. Branch; I hope she can keep her dignity, if not the faith, for only God knows whether we will ever overcome.

Brenda J. King  
Retired Assistant to the President at MWC

### MWC Gym Does Not Compare

Editor:

As a freshman and a member of the women's rugby team I am speaking on behalf of not only myself but many of my friends and peers.

My concern is the weight room in Goolrick. I don't know much about why our gym is so unsatisfactory.

I have visited many other schools (UVA, William and Mary, JMU and Virginia Tech) and their weight rooms

are far superior to ours. They have on some cases two floors, one for cardio and another for weight. Some have an indoor track and in most cases all the machines work, unlike ours.

I know that most of my friends pay money to go to a private gym off campus. I think that is ridiculous.

As I said before I don't want the situation is with the gym. I would be interested in knowing why our gym is not up to date, since most of the athletic teams use it on a daily basis.

I think it is necessary to renovate and upgrade our gym.

Nicole McIntyre  
freshman

### File Taxes By Telephone

Editor:

The Virginia-West Virginia District of the Internal Revenue Service is seeking you to inform students about new technologies being utilized by the IRS.

Two new benefits, Telefile and electronic filing, may have a profound effect on the way many students file their 1997 individual income tax returns.

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# FEATURES

## Student Groups Strive To Honor Dr. James Farmer

By Angela Zosel  
Bulletin Features Editor

On Jan. 15, 1998, Dr. James Farmer, famous civil rights activist and professor of history here at MWC, received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor that can be awarded to a civilian. Soon after, two groups of Mary Washington students determined that they would try to honor him in other ways.

One group is petitioning to rename the Multicultural Center after Farmer, and the other is looking into the possibility of designating New Hall, which does not have

an official name, as "James Farmer Hall."

Dennis Rudnick, the junior who first began to organize the movement to rename the Multicultural Center, said that Farmer deserves to be honored this way and it's disappointing that the administration hasn't taken measures to show more appreciation for him.

"I think it's really sad that the college hasn't taken the opportunity to recognize him. He's one of the heroes in American history," Rudnick said.

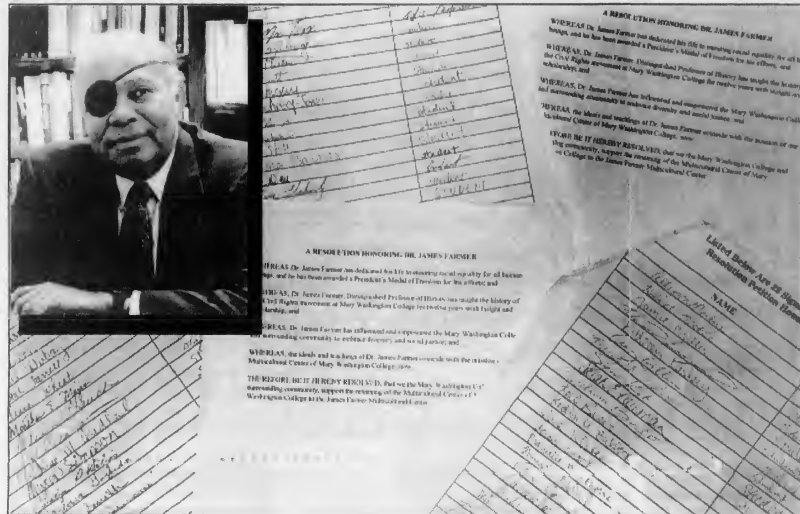
According to Rudnick, what started as five or six students has turned into around 20. The students have sat in residence halls, taken the petitions to class, and just walked around asking people to support the cause. Response has been positive.

"We're doing very well. The support from campus has been tremendous," Rudnick said. "Our goal is to get around 3000 signatures and we probably have lost to 2000 now."

After the petitions are complete, the group plans to submit them to William Anderson, president of MWC, and to the Board of Visitors. The group believes that the approval of the measure would show that MWC really believes in the importance of diversity.

"If the college is really serious about diversity and racism awareness, then what better way to show it?" said Rudnick.

Chevronne Bray, a senior who is a Bulletin staff member, said she is also supporting the effort. *see FARMER, page 5*



Diana May/Bulletin

Students petitioning to rename the Multicultural Center after James Farmer have obtained close to 2000 signatures from students and faculty. Their goal is to reach at least 3000 before submitting the petition to administration.

## Summer School In Barbados

### Professor Offers A Caribbean Adventure To MWC Students

By Kristin Vincent  
Bulletin Staff Writer

This summer, Carmen Gillespie, professor of English, will whisk a group of students away to the Caribbean island of Barbados to read about and experience the island's history and culture.

The trip, lasting from July 9 to Aug. 6 of this year, is a six-credit program centered around two upper-level English courses: "Caribbean Literature" and "Carnival in Life and Literature."

"The main idea of the trip is to experience the Caribbean in context," said Gillespie. "The literature that we'll be reading will correspond directly with what we'll be doing. Most of our textual explorations will involve excursions."

Gillespie lived in Guyana, a country in the Caribbean, for about three years during her childhood.

"Living there, we got a chance to travel to many islands, and I fell in love with the Caribbean," Gillespie said.

Gillespie not only grew up in the Caribbean, but also studied there as well. She was a Fulbright Scholar in Barbados and also participated in the Humanities Institute in Puerto Rico.

"[I] recognized that it's a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the Caribbean outside of the notion of it as a tourist destination," Gillespie said. "There is much to learn about the culture and the people of the island."

The school offers this course to both undergraduate and graduate students, as well as students outside of Mary Washington College. Some students who are

already enrolled attend Georgetown University, Randolph Macon College, The University of Richmond and the College of William and Mary. Students interested in need not be English majors. They simply must have taken English 101 or its equivalent. In fact, Gillespie reported that about half of those students now signed up are non-English majors.

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-Carmen Gillespie, professor of English

The learning experience for this course will hardly be a typical classroom setting. The "excursions" will include nature hikes, dinner at local restaurants and a walking tour of Bridgetown,

the capital city. The group will also visit a village, museum, theater, castle and even a rum factory.

Near the end of the trip, everyone will take a submarine tour of the coral reef that surrounds the island. Additionally, students will have free time for their own exploration and relaxation. They will also partake in the annual carnival "Cropover," which celebrates the harvesting of the sugar cane.

"When we talk about the sugar cane as a motif in Caribbean literature we'll actually go and horseback-ride through sugar cane fields," Gillespie said. "[We'll] have that experience of what this crop actually is like and what it must have been like to produce it and to have been forced to labor in these fields for years and years."

Due to the unusual nature of the course, the grading system is also somewhat atypical. Students will keep a daily journal, which they will turn in at the end of the trip. They will also be graded on their class participation and knowledge of the readings.

Considering all the benefits packaged in the trip, the cost is not too outrageous at \$2760. This price includes a single room in the residence halls of The University of the West Indies. The rooms are suites with kitchen and laundry facilities. Of course, they do have television.

The total fee for summer school tuition at Mary Washington is \$696 for instate students and \$1704 for out of state. A \$560 deposit is due by Feb. 15 to reserve a spot.

And yes, a few spots are still open. Anyone interested should act quickly, with the due date for applications fast approaching. No more than twenty students will be able to participate. Gillespie has high hopes for the Barbados excursion.

"This is my first experience with students abroad," Gillespie said. "Hopefully it will be an adventure."



Diana May/Bulletin

Professor Gillespie will take students to Barbados this summer to study Caribbean culture.



## Bulletin Features Editor

### Angela Zosel Visits Olde Towne Steak And Seafood

By Angela Zosel  
Bulletin Features Editor

Thick, juicy cuts of prime rib, tender fillets of flounder, and jumbo shrimp stuffed with crabmeat—just a few of the temptations you'll find on the menu at Olde Towne Steak and Seafood.

The atmosphere is romantic, with dark wood paneling and candlelit tables, but also bustling, as all three dining rooms are packed with customers.

My date and I were ushered to a small corner table and our waiter soon brought warm bread and butter. The bread is incredible—we could have made an entire meal out of it. The fresh garden salads with honey mustard dressing were also delicious, even for my date and I, who are not big salad people.

We decided against an appetizer (only because we knew that the entrees to follow would be huge and we didn't want to fill ourselves up), but the selection was mouth-watering anyway. Lobster bisque, stuffed mushroom caps, clams casino and crab soup are just a few of the offerings.

Among the entrees on the menu are crab cakes, seafood platters including shrimp, clams, scallops and oysters, various cuts of steak, lobster tails and some specials.

For my entree, I chose a Delmonico steak and stuffed jumbo shrimp. My date chose the 16-oz. prime rib. All entrees are also served with a choice of a baked potato or steak fries.

That night's special, which almost swayed me from my final choice of steak and shrimp, was blackened mahi mahi, a delicious white fish.

My date's order of prime rib was huge—nearly two inches thick and covering the entire plate—and was cooked to his specifications. It was tender, full of flavor and served drenched in its own juices.

This was the second time that I'd visited Olde Towne, and it was just as good as the first. For my first meal at Olde Towne (just over a year ago), I ordered stuffed flounder—thin, tender fillets stuffed with crabmeat. It was delicious and a huge portion—four large pieces of fish and heaps of crabmeat.

My dinner was incredible—an 8-oz. thinly-cut steak, cooked exactly the way I ordered it. Although many steakhouses are reluctant to cook a steak well-done, my order was absolute perfection and I loved every bite.

The stuffed shrimp, which can also be ordered as an entire entree instead of a side order, were delicious. The two halves of each jumbo shrimp sandwiched a generous helping of crab meat and were drizzled with lemon juice. The shrimp were fresh, not tough or chewy, and the crab meat practically melted in my mouth. The portions were large enough that I couldn't finish them.

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Olde Towne Steak and Seafood Restaurant.

My date ordered the same prime rib entree last time. It was just as satisfying then as it was last weekend.

The only problem with Olde Towne is that the portions are so large and so incredible that there's no way to save room for dessert. The dessert tray that our waiter brought out looked magnificent, with rich chocolate cake, luscious cheesecake, chocolate mousse pie and apple pie, among others.

Although most might expect that a dinner at Olde Towne will fill the stomach but also empty the wallet, that's really not the case. No, Olde Towne is not the place to go for a casual dinner one night when you don't feel like braving Seacobeck. It is, however, a great place to go for a special occasion or if you want to treat yourself one night.

Entree prices range from approximately \$15 for the basics to \$25 for specials. My dinner that night, for two people with two entrees and no alcohol, cost around \$50 with tip. That's really not bad at all, considering that a meal for two at Ruby Tuesday's or other more casual, cookie-cutter restaurants can cost \$35-\$40.

Because of its somewhat hidden location off the more-traveled parts of Princess Anne Street and because many students assume that it is too expensive for their budgets, not enough students have taken advantage of Olde Towne Steak and Seafood.

The fact is that the service is quick, the atmosphere charming, and the food incredible. But don't forget to make a reservation—during peak hours, the restaurant gets full to capacity, and this is one meal you don't want to miss.



Diana May/Bullet

## Let's Talk About Sex

Steve Hampton, associate professor of psychology, speaks with residents in Marshall Hall. Hampton is best known for his "Human Sexuality" class, which fills the lecture hall every semester.

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writer and is also involved with the project, said that, although renaming the Multicultural Center would be an ideal way to honor the man who worked so hard to ensure that all races would be treated equally, it still would not be enough.

"I think that this is a very small gesture of our gratitude to Dr. Farmer. Much more needs to be done," Bray said.

According to Rudnick and Bray, no members of the administration are involved in this project, it is a completely student-run effort. However, Forrest Parker, director of the Multicultural Center, has expressed his gratitude of the movement.

"As director of the Multicultural Center, it's an honor that the students want to name it after James Farmer," Parker said.

Rudnick acknowledged that the renaming is not only an effort to honor Farmer but also an attempt to

attract attention to the Multicultural Center and diversity issues.

"There are a lot of organizations, like the Jewish Student Association, Women of Color, etc., that work under the Multicultural Center," Rudnick said. "We need to hold it up as a fixture of this campus and this is a good start."

The efforts of Rudnick's group have been well-received, but some students have asked him why Rudnick got involved in the first place.

"We're all in this together," Rudnick said. "Racism is not a black problem or a white problem or a yellow problem. It's everybody's problem."

While Rudnick and his group are concentrating on the Multicultural Center, the residents of New Hall are working to name their building after Farmer.

According to Eric Brown, a senior who is president of New Hall,

a questionnaire regarding the issue will be delivered to hall residents sometime this week.

"There's two parts to the survey," Brown said. "One question is asking whether they'd be in support of changing the name to James Farmer Hall, and the other is asking if they'd be willing to help with the whole thing."

Brown said that Scholar-in-Residence Jennifer Eichstedt, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, is also very supportive and is helping with the cause.

Tentative plans have also been made by Brown and other residents to contact the Alumni Association and ask members for their support, as well. Brown said that he is aware of the Multicultural Center petitions and that he thinks there's room for both ideas to be implemented.

"I don't see why both couldn't be named after him," Brown said. "Renaming New Hall would be great

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to the nasty smell that clings to your clothing after you've eaten at Seacobeck

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to the Eagles Nest, for allowing students to Flex beer on the night of Senior Countdown

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to people who carry large umbrellas and don't watch where they're going

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# SPORTS

## MWC Swim Teams Drown W&L

By Jason Schultz  
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

On Jan. 31, both the men's and women's swim teams outswam and toyed with Washington and Lee University to win the last dual-meet of the season. The men won late, by a 103 to 94 margin, while the women's 138-60 victory was never close.

The men's meet was much tighter than it should have been, according to coach Matt Kinney. Kinney said that the score was only close because he was tinkering with the lineup for this meet.

"I kind of changed the lineup a little for the men," he said. "I tried some new events for people, so it was a lot closer than it could've been. Towards the end I put some people back in their regular events just to make sure we won."

One of the swimmers winging it in a new event was junior Nathan Zaleski, who swam the 500 meter freestyle for the first time this year.

"I'm normally a 100 freestyler, and a butterflyer," Zaleski said. "I hadn't even swam it in practice."

The NCAA allows swimmers to compete in just three events per meet, and towards the end most of MWC's distance swimmers were no longer eligible. Kinney decided to take a chance with Zaleski in the 500, and he won in 5:09.35 seconds, with a lead of over three seconds over the next finisher.

Zaleski's win gave the men some valuable meet points, and two seniors then brought the 200 meter butterfly by more than two seconds, and Matt Anderson took the 200 meter backstroke by three seconds. These two wins clinched an Eagle victory.

Without the lineup changes, the meet likely never would have been close.



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

MWC junior Nathan Zaleski was crucial to the Eagles' victory over Washington & Lee. He won the 500 meter freestyle race though he had never competed in that event before Saturday's meet.

"We're a smaller group on men's [than last year's CAC championship team] but we are still the strongest team in the conference," Kinney said.

For the women, the meet was won by MWC almost before it started. They led by 30 points at the intermission and won by 78 points. This type of outing is fairly standard for the MWC women, who haven't lost a conference meet in eight years.

"We don't really look at them [CAC opponents] much anymore," senior Jessica Green said. "None of these teams have the strength we do."

The women were also swimming in events they were not familiar with, but that did not seem to phase them. Green hadn't even tried a 200 meter freestyle swim in more than two months, but she finished second in the race. More importantly, senior Melissa Timberlake won the 500 meter freestyle handily, senior

Megan Reese teamed up with Green, senior Chris Armstrong and freshman Adele McDonald to win the 400 meter medley relay, and sophomore Kim Myers won both the 1000 meter and 100 meter freestyles.

"We kind of knew the meet wouldn't be real challenging, so we got to swim new events," Reese said. "It was kind of fun."

Reese also won the 200 meter butterfly

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## Women Ballers Destroy Catholic 73-47, Roll to 13-3

By Rob Moore  
Bulletin Staff Writer

An already tight Capital Athletic Conference women's basketball race got that much more snug at the top as Mary Washington reeled off two wins last week to close to within a game of conference leader St. Mary's (MD).

The Eagles have now won six in a row and eight out of their last nine and are tied for second place in the CAC with Gallaudet after victories over Catholic University and York College (PA.).

Mary Washington plays St. Mary's Feb. 6. The first meeting of the season between the two teams resulted in a 58-46 loss for the Eagles in a game played Dec. 5 at Goodrick Hall.

"We can beat St. Mary's," Eagle head coach Connie Gallahan said. "That first game was right before Christmas break and we were still working on a lot of things."

"They're a good team," Gallahan continued, referring to St. Mary's. "They're deceptive. Big, with long arms, but quick."

"We have a lot more going for us now though," she added.

The Eagles dominated Catholic Tuesday night, defeating the Cardinals 73-47. Senior forward Lindsay Stover continued her recent torrid play by collecting 18 points and ten rebounds, while junior guard Andrea Sellers matched Stover's 18 points and freshman guard Bernice Kenney chipped in with 11 off the bench.

MWC wasn't quite as overpowering in their Jan. 31, 61-55 win over York. They fell behind 10-0 in the game's first four

minutes before going on a 16-4 run of their own. A 9-0 spurt in the second half provided the Eagles with the breathing room they would need as York scrambled back in the game's waning moments. Stover again led MWC with 17 points and nine rebounds.

Despite the occasional erratic shooting of the team's perimeter players, Stover feels little pressure.

"We do get on these spurts sometimes, good and bad, but we all step up as needed," Stover said. "Sarah [freshman guard Sarah Seale] came in and hit a couple of big shots against York. That helps us a lot."

Also aiding the Eagles' cause has been free throw shooting, particularly that of freshman forward Erin Caulfield. Caulfield converted on 13 out of 17 trips to the line in the two games.

"I do like the pressure," Caulfield said of her late game free throw shooting prowess. "At the beginning of the season I was nervous, but since all of us are doing better as a team, it's gotten easier."

"We're seeing just how important free throws are," Caulfield continued. "There've been a lot of games where that's been the difference between a win and a loss."

Meanwhile, both players echo Gallahan's confidence as the team continues to chase the CAC leaders, St. Mary's.

"We're really psyched," said Stover. "I'm looking forward to going and beating teams like St. Mary's and Gallaudet in their gyms," added Caulfield.

Following their showdown with St. Mary's on Feb. 6, the Eagles will host Lincoln University on Feb. 7 before traveling to Gallaudet on Feb. 12.



Karen Pearlman/Bullet

### And The Men...

Junior Burt Burroughs and the men's basketball team suffered a setback Tuesday night, falling to Catholic University 83-76.

### CAC Women's Basketball Standings

|                 | Conference |   | Overall |    | Streak |
|-----------------|------------|---|---------|----|--------|
|                 | W          | L | W       | L  |        |
| St. Mary's MD   | 7          | 1 | 13      | 4  | W3     |
| Gallaudet       | 6          | 2 | 15      | 3  | L1     |
| Mary Washington | 6          | 2 | 12      | 3  | W5     |
| Salisbury State | 5          | 3 | 9       | 9  | L1     |
| Marymount       | 3          | 5 | 7       | 11 | W1     |
| York PA         | 3          | 5 | 7       | 11 | L1     |
| Catholic        | 2          | 6 | 6       | 10 | W1     |
| Goucher         | 0          | 8 | 1       | 17 | L10    |

### CAC Men's Basketball Standings

|                 | Conference |   | Overall |    | Streak |
|-----------------|------------|---|---------|----|--------|
|                 | W          | L | W       | L  |        |
| Catholic        | 8          | 0 | 15      | 3  | W10    |
| Goucher         | 7          | 1 | 13      | 5  | W3     |
| Marymount       | 6          | 2 | 9       | 9  | L1     |
| Mary Washington | 3          | 5 | 6       | 10 | W1     |
| Salisbury State | 3          | 5 | 7       | 9  | W1     |
| St. Mary's MD   | 3          | 5 | 9       | 8  | L2     |
| Gallaudet       | 1          | 7 | 2       | 15 | L11    |
| York PA         | 1          | 7 | 4       | 14 | L1     |

### CAC Women's Scoring Leaders

| Player                       | Avg. |
|------------------------------|------|
| Ronda Jo Miller, Gallaudet   | 28.1 |
| Amy Anderson, York PA        | 17.6 |
| Lindsay Stover, MWC          | 16.8 |
| Erica Pearson, St. Mary's MD | 16.6 |
| Dawn Birley, Gallaudet       | 15.1 |
| Kim Rogers, Goucher          | 14.5 |
| Erin Caulfield, MWC          | 13.6 |
| Amy Cooke, Salisbury State   | 13.6 |

### CAC Men's Scoring Leaders

| Player                           | Avg.  |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Bakari Ward, Goucher             | 20.23 |
| Johnny Baer, York PA             | 20.17 |
| George Bunch, MWC                | 18.6  |
| Jim McNeill, Catholic            | 17.6  |
| George Robinson, Salisbury State | 16.8  |
| Tavar Witherspoon, Goucher       | 16.6  |
| Sean Tuohy, Catholic             | 16.2  |
| Tony Meredith, Marymount         | 15.4  |

Congratulations to George Bunch who was named CAC player of the week for the week of Jan. 26-31. During the week Bunch led the men's b-ball team to a 2-1 record and averaged 27.7 points a game.

## Indoor Track: All Guts, Not Much Glory

By Mike Komssi  
Bulletin Staff Writer

With no wind at their backs, the '98 Eagles track and field team broke loose its season in Klein Gymnasium at Dickinson University this past Sunday. Though this was an unsecured invitational, the tracksters showed tremendous promise with key performances across the board.

The Eagles field a roster of 31 women and 23 men, each one specializing in one or more events. While newcomers to the team are quick to catch on, many of these athletes have been competing in the sport for years, whether in high school or independently. It is this experience, coupled with preparation, that lends this year's squad the hopes of a repeat CAC Championship for both the men and women.

Sunday, freshman Jill McDonald became the first Lady Eagle ever to compete in the pole vault, taking third and raising the bar in a primarily male dominated event.

Other notable performances came from Yurissa Mitchell, who won the long jump as well as taking two second place finishes in the 55 meter dash and high jump. Weight team leader Katrin Banks meanwhile captured fourth place in the shot-put with a toss of just over 37 feet.

As MWC is traditionally a distance-running focused team, these non-distance performances shed light on the future of Eagle track and field. Senior captain Katy Sullivan commented on the ladies squad,

"It was our first meet, but the team looked strong with a lot of new people," she said.

One important goal, and a sign of experience and superior conditioning for distance races, is grouping. That is, by the end of the race, it is ideal for all a team's runners to finish as close together as possible. Sunday, the 3,000 meter trio of freshman Jaime Donaruma, Kristin Nevickas, and Marga Fischel finished second, third and fourth respectively, separated by only 8 seconds.

The men's side of the ledger posted just as many quality individual and relay performances. Weight team captain Tom Swigan placed second and third in the 35 lb weight toss and shot-put respectively. Meanwhile, Derek Amos, a team captain as well, placed fourth in the high jump with a leap of 6'2".

Again, the distance-oriented team sent a message to the folks of Dickinson that MWC was a force to be reckoned with. The distance medley team of Justin Sheier, Greg Greven, Derek Coryell and John Rock placed second overall, complementing the individual efforts of Jim Dulagash, Matt Kauppi and freshman Brian Roberts.

Roberts' individual achievement in the half-mile exemplified the hopes and efforts of the entire team. Falling behind early and getting boxed in throughout, he came back with an explosive kick to take third.

## This Week's Schedule

### Swimming

Feb. 13-15 CAC Championships at Goodrick, TBA.

### Men's Basketball

Feb. 5 at Villa Julie College, 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 6 at St. Mary's College, 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 12 at Gallaudet University, 8:00 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

Feb. 6 at St. Mary's College, 6:00 p.m.

Feb. 7 LINCOLN UNIVERSITY 3 p.m.

Feb. 12 at Gallaudet University, 6:00 p.m.





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because Washington and Lee did not even field a team.

"They [Washington and Lee] really made a mistake," Reese said, "by not putting anybody out there in that fly."

All in all, Green said, the women are just too deep for opponents like Washington and Lee to stop. With strong underclassmen like Myers coming in, it is likely to stay that way.

Even though this season ending meet was almost anti-climactic, both the team and Kinney felt that they got what they wanted out of this meet. They also got to end on a strong note heading into the CAC championship, which MWC will host from Feb. 13 to Feb. 15.

"I had a lot of fun," Reese said, "and

that is what it's all about. It was good to see everybody psyched up and excited."

During the next two weeks, the team will start taper training, which means that they will cut down on their work load incrementally. The idea of this type of training, she said, is to allow the swimmer's body the chance to recover from injuries and overuse during the regular season.

Both teams take this final meet deadly serious, but the outcome is probably a foregone conclusion, according to the swimmers.

"We're pretty confident we'll both win," Green said. "It'll be interesting for the guys, but for the girls, there's no chance that we'll lose."

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Journalist Shares Words of Wisdom

By Francis Gaffney  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Mary Washington College's Multicultural Center, along with the Black Student Association, helped kick off Black History Month Tuesday night with a presentation by keynote speaker Patrice Gaines.

An award-winning Washington Post journalist and author of two books, Gaines is still probably best known to most of the world as a guest on "Oprah" when the talk show host first admitted her past crack use. The particular edition of the show which prompted Winfrey's confession dealt with mothers who had experienced their own problems with drugs.

Gaines had been there not as a witness but as a testifier for her own life experiences which can be found in her brutally frank autobiography, *Laughing in the Dark: From Colored Girl to Woman of Color—A Journey from Prison to Power*. She recounted some of the to the small crowd gathered in Lee Ballroom last night, many of whom had heard of her but knew little about her.

"When I tell you this story this evening, I'd like for you to consider something," Gaines began. "I'd like for you to think about, as I take you on this journey, how long it can take for a life to be redeemed—how long it

takes for a life to change."

Gaines spoke about her bouts with drugs, particularly heroin. At the age of 22 she found herself in a North Carolina jail facing felony charges of possession and possession with intent to distribute. But the seriousness of her situation did not truly hit home until she looked out her narrow cell window to see her two-year old daughter Andrea seeking her from outside.

"And I remember it hit me that, if I don't change, my daughter will never be able to find me—she'll be looking for me all her life and I won't be there," Gaines said.

But drugs was not the only problem Gaines had to contend with before achieving her success, both personally and professionally. In her own opinion, drugs were merely an escape from bigger issues which haunted Gaines, issues of racism, denial, and self-hate. The young Gaines' desperate need to be loved led to one abusive relationship after another, culminating in divorces, rape, and near-death.

"I grew up a young person who did not love herself. I certainly didn't know that at the time, but when I look back I have to say that I didn't. Because when you don't love yourself there are certain things that you will allow to be done to you, there are certain things that you will do to yourself," Gaines

said.

Ultimately, though, the story is about faith, courage, and redemption. A journalism scholarship eventually led Gaines to the Washington Post, where she has worked for the past thirteen years.

In the February 23, 1992 issue of the Post, an article drawing on Gaines' personal experiences, "Tough Boyz and Trouble: Those Girls Waiting Outside D.C. Jail Remind Me of Myself," appeared and later won her the "Best Commentary" award from the National Association of Black Journalists. The article also led to her first book.

Gaines is a slight woman, but regal in her bearing. She spoke with eloquence and great humor about her life, perhaps a greater testimony to her success than anything else could be.

Assistant Dean for the Multicultural Center Ametia Vashee, coordinator of the Cultural Awareness Series, discussed the role of speakers in the series past and present prior to Gaines' arrival on campus.

"We want scholarly speakers that are going to be dynamic and hold the interest of the students, because we realize that if a student comes to [hear] one speaker and they're bored to tears, they're not going to come back," Vashee said. "We really want the students to

get excited and really engrossed in the experience."

"It's not something that should be a mandatory evening that they have to go to for extra credit, it's something they should leave and take [the experience] with them," Vashee said.

Senior Diane Younker had originally come to the lecture for her Psychology of Women course and had known little about Gaines.

"I thought she was great. She made me really think about my life and things that I need to look back on—I'm an older student—and the things that finally got me here to go back to college," Younker said afterwards.

Neva Trenis, senior, had heard about the lecture in her Magazine Writing class.

"It was moving to me—[Gaines'] redemption and what she did with her life,"

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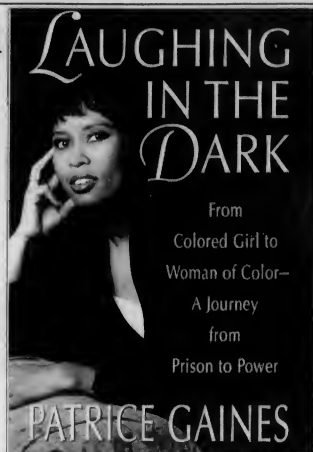


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Material from award-winning journalist Patrice Gaines' autobiography (above) figured prominently in her talk at Lee Ballroom on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH Happenings

• Thursday, Feb. 5: Art Exhibition & Sale, "South African Art." Lecture by Dr. Donald Rallis. Campus Christian Community, 6 p.m. 373-9255.

• Friday, Feb. 6: Concert, Cavani String Quartet accompanied by poet Mwatabu Okantah reciting African American poetry. Lee Ballroom, 7 p.m. 654-1961.

• Friday, Feb. 6: Concert, Stanley Jordan (innovative jazz/fusion guitarist). \$2 students w/ID, \$5 non-students. Dodd Auditorium, 8:30 p.m. 654-1061.

• Monday, Feb. 9: Movie & Lecture, "Black Is, Black Ain't," Carmen Gillespie, lecturer. Chandler 102, 7:15 p.m. 654-1543.

• Monday, Feb. 16: Drama, "SHADES," peer educators' troupe dealing with diversity issues. Mason Hall lobby, 7:30 p.m. 654-4466.

• Tuesday, Feb. 17: Drama & Lecture, "Don't Speak My Mother's Name In Vain," one-woman production by Renae McNeal. Monroe Auditorium, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Feb. 18: Lecture, "African American Women and Violence," Renae McNeal. Hosted by Professor Ande Kidanemariam's Social Problems class. Monroe 302, 11 a.m. 654-1505, 654-1752, or 654-1044.

• Friday, Feb. 20-Sunday, Feb. 22: Black Alumni Weekend sponsored by the Black Student Association. 654-4508 or 654-1044.

• Saturday, Feb. 21: Step Show, \$3/advance or \$5/door. Dodd Auditorium, doors at 6:30 p.m.

• Sunday, Feb. 22: Concert, "Gospel Extravaganza." Dodd Auditorium, 5 p.m.

For more information on these and other events planned for the month of February, please contact the Multicultural Center at 654-1044.



Photo by Christian Steiner

The Cavani String Quartet (above) and poet Mwatabu Okantah (right) will collaborate for an evening of music and poetry (including works by Langston Hughes and Okantah himself) on Friday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. in Lee Ballroom.



Courtesy Photo

## HOROSCOPES

By Sarak Ardestani  
Bulletin Staff Writer

• **ARIES** (Mar. 21 to April 20): Freak out! Don't worry about it, Jupiter will be there to pick up the pieces. It's O.K. to finally let the rage you've been bottling up. You can't contain it any longer because it has become self-destructive. So with grace, let it go and you'll feel better in the morning. **Love:** Don't be too critical of your love. **Advice:** Donate money to a foundation of your choice.

• **TAURUS** (April 21 to May 21): You'll be tasting the juice in no time! You've been cruising Taurus and Mars has gotten a hold of you. You have become focused on what you need to do with your life and you now have the strength to make it all a reality. Keep on keepin' on brother! **Love:** If you ain't gettin' what you're needin'—then walk on. **Advice:** Bake some cupcakes.

• **GEMINI** (May 22 to June 21): Pour on the sugar! Plus, hopes that you have realized that your sweetness is where it's at. You're becoming a charmer and everyone is loving you for it. Work it until you own it! **Love:** Just let it go! **Advice:** Buy a pack of stickers and stick them everywhere in sight.

• **CANCER** (June 22 to July 21): Check the time yo! Guess who is giving you a high five? It's sweet old Saturn! Cancer, you've been evolving into a magnificent, mature person. You'd better recognize how far you've come in life and reward yourself with a trip to the beach. **Love:** Think not of what your mate can do for you but for what you can do for your mate. **Advice:** Play ring-around-the-rosy with a group of friends.

• **LEO** (July 22 to Aug. 22): Get your freak on! You'll feel better once you let go of the inhibitions you've been clinging onto. You're beginning to realize that it's been getting you nowhere and that something must be done about it. So take it slow, but keep in mind that your road to improvement lies in breaking old habits. **Love:** Have a heart-to-heart and get everything out into the open. **Advice:** Stay away from psychos.

• **VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 23): You're stylin' as ever—Venus is in your house and

she's screaming your name. Virgo, she says, you're divine and let your beauty shine. She's happy for you and wants you to spread your good lovin'. **Love:** Take your love to a bed and breakfast. **Advice:** Keep in touch with old friends.

• **LIBRA** (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23): You know you need to get your hustle on. Time's up and there is no need to waste your time contemplating the troubles of the universe. Unload your concerns upon Uranus while he is in your house, and let him deal with them. You need to free your mind from the thoughts that are keeping you from getting on with your life. Now is your time to shine. **Love:** Don't let misunderstandings get in the way of your relationship. **Advice:** Offer your services to someone in need.

• **SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 to Nov. 23): Feelin' kind of funny? Well, it's because your high is coming down. It's natural and your mind is graciously welcoming this down time. Things are slowing down a little for you and you'll have the opportunity to catch up with the things you've been meaning to do. So enjoy a short but sweet break while sipping a cup of joe. **Love:** Just do it, and get it over with. **Advice:** Don't blame others for being responsible for your problems.

• **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 24 to Dec. 22): Thirsty for some action? Well, quench your thirst already. You can make anything you want a reality by just maintaining the right attitude. Saturn has confirmed that you have it in you, so go after what you want, and never look back. **Love:** Coolin' out with your former baby? Make sure it's not out of desperation. **Advice:** People 'round the world join hands!

• **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 to Jan. 20): Give up the funk. Be open to opening up and letting people on board your soul train. Recently, it has been hard for you to trust others but Venus is close to you now, offering you her support. Accept it with grace and remember that by trusting, you'll help preserve the love that Venus maintains. **Love:** Let your love know what you like. **Advice:** Make a gift to give to

see HOROSCOPES, page 9

## WMWC Top 10

| Number | Artist           | Album                      |
|--------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 1      | Various          | MPS: "Great Expectations"  |
| 2      | Various          | "Tibetan Freedom Festival" |
| 3      | Led Zeppelin     | "BBC Sessions"             |
| 4      | Jane's Addiction | "Kettle Whistle"           |
| 5      | Radiohead        | "College Karma" EP         |
| 6      | Dead Milkmen     | "Death Rides a Pale Cow"   |
| 7      | Moog Cookbook    | "The Moog Cookbook..."     |
| 8      | Sublime          | "Second-hand Smoke"        |
| 9      | David Bowie      | "I'm Afraid of America"    |
| 10     | Björk            | "Homogenic"                |

The Top 10 List is compiled by the Music Dept. of WMWC. Questions? Please call the Bulletin at x1133 or WMWC at x1152. Also, don't forget to visit the WMWC web page: <http://www.wmwc.edu/wmwc/>—okay?

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**George Street Grill**  
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Saturday: Sean Michael Dargan  
Sunday: Linwood Taylor (blues)

**Hyperion Espresso**  
Sunday: Dave Goodrich  
Monday: Dave Lukiatis

## Coming Attractions...

- **Friday, Feb. 6:** Concert, Stanley Jordan, virtuoso jazz/fusion guitarist. Dodd Auditorium, 8 p.m. \$2 students/\$5 nonstudents.
- **Friday, Feb. 6:** Concert, Cavani String Quartet, accompanied by poet Mwatabu Okantah reciting poetry by Langston Hughes and other African American poets. Lee Hall ballroom, 7 p.m. Free.
- **Friday, Feb. 6:** Art exhibition opening reception, "Works by Jason Cain." E. E. Smith (824 Caroline St.), 5-7 p.m. Show runs through March 31. Free.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 10:** Foreign Film, "Beaumarchais," directed by Edouard Molinaro. A flamboyant portrait of the man who wrote "The Barber of Seville" and "The Marriage of Figaro." French with English subtitles. Dodd Auditorium, 7 p.m. Free.
- **Now through Sunday, Feb. 15:** Art Exhibition, "The Body and Gender." Ridderhof Martin Gallery. Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Free.



# What Will You Have Written on Your Tombstone?

Photos and Interviews by Diana May



"Apartment for Rent."



"Go Army!"



"I Always Look on the Bright Side of Things."



"Depends on how I feel when I die."



"Live Each Second As If It Were Your Last."

—Justin Tirelli, junior

—Mandy Grandle, senior

—Julie Armstrong, senior

—Mike Clark, sophomore

—Kristin DeGraff, sophomore

## "Will Hunting" Really Is "Good"!

By Chandra DasGupta  
Bulletin Staff Writer

"Good Will Hunting" is an emotional tour de force directed by Gus van Sant. It stars Matt Damon, Ben Affleck, Minnie Driver and Robin Williams. In an era of post-'80s, more-is-better moviemaking, films like "Good Will Hunting" have a hard time getting made.

This movie is neither an artsy independent film nor an inflated, larger than life production. It is a simple story of a brilliant young man's struggles with his past, his friends, and his own mind.

Matt Damon is in the starring role as Will Hunting, a 20-year-old janitor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Will Hunting also happens to be a self-taught mathematician, but only likes working problems, not teaching others.

This movie is complete: it has an intense love story, unpretentious intelligence, a brilliant screenplay, and even a brutal fight scene. Minnie Driver

plays Damon's love interest; Robin Williams plays a psychologist interested in helping Will Hunting; and Ben Affleck (of "Chasing Amy") plays Will's best friend.

In reality Matt Damon and Ben Affleck have been friends since they were children, and they co-wrote it together while Damon was attending Harvard University. Their closeness is obvious, even in the movie.

Not to be trite, but this film will make the audience laugh; it will make

the audience cry. It's a feel-good movie without being cute. Both men and women, old and young, can enjoy the simplicity of the storytelling as well as the complexity of the issues addressed. I highly recommend this movie to anyone, and to those who have already seen it, I would suggest enjoying it for a second time.

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Trenis said. "But also, the perspective of looking beyond this woman, looking at other people who have made mistakes, maybe people who society has deemed 'throwaway,' and looking at them with a new eye—I think that's what I took from this."

"I have to agree with Neva," said Mary White, a junior and classmate of Trenis. "I was impressed how [Gaines] took charge of her life and didn't try to change the things around her, but changed herself... She did it. It's not just a platitude, 'Oh, you can change your life.' She really did it."

Kia Greenfield, a senior, came for her birthday.

"I was really interested in coming to hear her... [I thought] this would be a very inspirational speaker to hear on my birthday, and I found her to be that way. I was really impressed with all that she'd overcome to get here."

Quatarisha White, junior and treasurer for the Black Student Association, introduced Gaines.

"I thought a lot of stuff that she talked about I've dealt with some of myself," White said after Gaines' presentation. "I guess everyone has to come to a point of self-love. And everyone has to struggle with things about themselves in life, maybe not to that extreme, but things about themselves in life that they don't like."

"And to some degree a lot of people want to be accepted. Some people don't go as far as [Gaines] did to be accepted, but we've all felt at some point in our lives when we wanted to be accepted. And some things we do, we do for acceptance."

Patrice Gaines' latest book is entitled Moments of Grace: Meeting the Challenge to Change. She has been working for the past two years on a case involving two men she believes were unjustly convicted, and who have now spent over 12 years in prison. The series of articles covering her findings should appear in the Washington Post within the next month.

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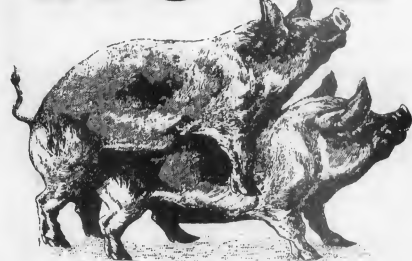
• **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): Aquarius child, too bad you're the best. You certainly are a shining bright star within the zodiac. You live up to your reputation and never cease to amaze others with your flair for improvement. In the recent months you've taken yourself from a point of confusion to a paved path leading to success. *Love:* Don't reveal too much of your spectacular personality at the get-go. *Advice:* Leave money in a public phone and make someone's day.

• **PISCES** (Feb. 20 to March 20): You got the special sauce and don't be afraid to use it. Explore your boundaries and see where your limits are. Let go of the faux boundary lines you've surrounded yourself in. You have what it takes to be a success and be sure that you take yourself to the outer limits. *Love:* Ask yourself whether your relationship is reality or a dreamy manifestation. *Advice:* Never let anyone undermine your self-worth.

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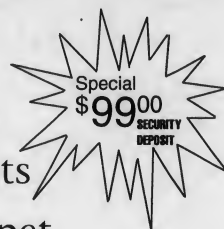
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Here's one that's a little harder:

**Mick Jagger and Andre The Giant**

Do you have any matches you would like to see in the Bullet? Make up your own and send them to box 604 with the solutions. This week's solutions were provided by Gregory Grevin, Mike McKenna, and James Mirabello..

**Charlton Heston and Jeff Bridges**

**Charlton Heston** - Billy Zane (Tombstone); Billy Zane - David Warner (Titanic); David Warner - **Jeff Bridges** (Tron)

**Baby Spice and Marlon Brando**

**Baby Spice** - Roger Moore (Spice World); Roger Moore - Bernard King (Octopussy); Bernard King - Sean Connery (From Russia With Love); Sean Connery - Dustin Hoffman (Family Business); Dustin Hoffman - Robert DeNiro (Wag The Dog); Robert DeNiro - Al Pacino (Heat); Al Pacino - **Marlon Brando** (The Godfather).

Send your solutions, and puzzle suggestions to the Bullet at box 604 - Just write it down and drop it in the Campus Mail slot with our number. Next week we will print the answers and give two more exciting movie matches. Oh, and don't forget to put your name on it!

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point seems unrelated; however, it did transpire at the luncheon and deserves attention: A laughably selfless proposition was made by both the Bullet and our student government representatives. They volunteered their Woodard Campus Center office space in exchange for a "special interest" house.

This was undoubtedly an attempt to put the "special" in "special interest." How much more suspicious can our loss of special interest housing be made? Our supposedly valid venues of public outcry are governed by an exclusive interest.

I think it is a good thing that Mary Washington provides physical outputs for students who feel the need for them; yet, I cannot submit to a recruitment strategy that manipulates prospective students' conceptions of this college.

I believe that a student body should have a government; still, I cannot be pleased with this belief if it mocks us.

We are a college living an academic tradition; the development of a focus on athletics stands against the reasons we matriculated to Mary Washington.

Athletics and physical fitness

should not be ignored in academic pursuits, but can we allow them the dominant position in school funding?

We as students are being "spoken for" constantly. I am speaking for us now.

In a short time I will not be confronted by the policies of this school; however, many of you will remain subject to the opinions of others....not only at Mary Washington, but for all your short lives.

Sam Rio is a junior philosophy and English major.

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For most students, filing a return with the IRS will now be as simple as picking up the telephone.

Telefile is absolutely free and takes less than ten minutes. This service is also available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A student who uses Telefile will have his refund within three weeks.

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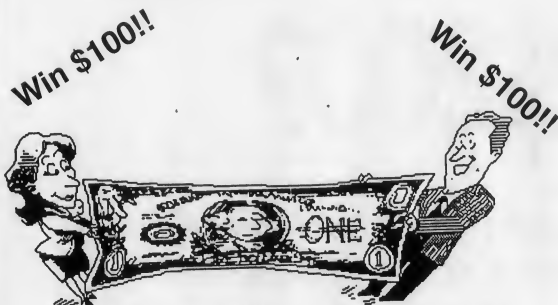
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# Public Television Station Relocating To Stafford Campus

By Mark Rodeffer  
Bulletin Staff Writer

A public television station, WNVTV, based in Falls Church, Va., is relocating to MWC's Stafford campus and will begin broadcasting sometime in 1999.

While there are no concrete plans for exactly what kind of programming will be on the station or how the college will utilize its location here, Phil Hall, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, said that he plans to gather a group of faculty members together to discuss all the possibilities soon.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to have a PBS station on a college site. It allows us the opportunity to have classes and degree programs in the communications field. It provides us with the opportunity to use technology with education programming," said Ron Singleton, vice president of college relations.

"Students could do internships there, work for the station, apply for jobs with the station and professors teaching courses in communications and broadcast journalism could go to the station for a lab experience," he said.

Currently there is no broadcasting or communications major at MWC, however, with the new TV station, the

likelihood of such a program is high. The creation and funding for any new program has to be approved by the General Assembly.

"There is certainly a lot of interest in having a communications program. We don't have any specifics this early, but right now we certainly intend to do something that will bring in the broadcasting aspect," said Marjorie M. Poyle, executive vice president. "We will try to tailor a degree that utilizes the resources the station will give us."

WNVTV has a sister station also based in northern Virginia. The nonprofit corporation that runs the stations are so close, it would be beneficial to move WNVTV to another area.

"Right now WNVTV is in competition with WETA [a PBS station based in Washington, D.C.] and its sister station, WNCV, in Fairfax, Va. One of the reasons they want to come to the Fredericksburg area is to serve an area that doesn't already have a public TV station," Hall said.

President William Anderson is on the executive board in charge of the station, and upon learning that WNVTV wanted to relocate, he suggested Fredericksburg. Over the last few years, Anderson has been working with the station to relocate here.

The station, a PBS affiliate owned by the Central Virginia Education Telecommunications Corporation, would pay all of the costs associated with building and operating the relocated station. WNVTV receives funding from the state government and from contributions from private donors.

"We will have all the advantages of a PBS station at a college without the associated expense. It's a great opportunity for the station too because they are able to draw on the educational resources we have here," Singleton said.

The college will lease WNVTV the land on which the station is being built.

"We haven't drawn up the lease yet, but it's going to be for a long period of time, and they'll probably pay

something like a dollar a year," Hall said.

Although MWC will not be paying any of the costs to bring the station here or to operate it, the General Assembly must approve the lease, because the land is owned by the state.

"There is a lot of support within the General Assembly and the state government to approve the lease," Singleton said.

The television station has planned the groundbreaking ceremony for April 17, 1998, the same day as the groundbreaking ceremony for the first building on the Stafford campus.

According to Singleton, WNVTV wants to have the new station operational as early as possible. No date has been set yet for the opening of the station, but it is expected to begin broadcasting sometime in 1999.

WNVTV's offices and studios will be located on the Stafford campus and be used by MWC faculty and students, but the station will serve the entire Fredericksburg area.

"The station will be wonderful for the whole region because there isn't currently a public TV presence in our area. I think the Fredericksburg area is very excited about this," Poyle said.

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In the wake of excitement over the possible changes, however, there are mixed feelings on the part of both students who lived in the houses in past years and those student groups who may be moved.

Some organizations in the campus center worry that it will be harder to work with other groups if they are spread out in different houses.

"One worry we have at Giant is that we don't want to be separated from other groups," said Danielle Williams, a sophomore and a member of Giant Productions. "We work a lot with Class Council and Cedric [Rucker], and moving could be very inconvenient."

The proposal, however, does address this concern.

"In order to facilitate social programming, Giant Productions and Class Council should be housed in the same building," said the proposal.

Former special interest house residents said they felt upset when administrative offices moved into the houses after students had been removed.

"We kind of figured that it was going to happen," said L'Allier, who lived in Brent Hall, the French community, last year. "It made us feel like we were kind of taken for a ride; it left doubts about why we were really moved out."

Many students feel that the college should return the houses to the students, regardless of their use. Alex Szebehelyicoyner, a junior who was president of Tyler Hall, the German House, last year, agreed with this point. "Obviously, giving them back to us [as residential space] would be better, but as long as it's students using

them then in that sense I'm okay with it," Szebehelyicoyner said.

However, the majority of students feel that the move will be beneficial, since all students, not just those in certain organizations, will be able to enjoy the campus center.

"I think it's fine as long as it's really aimed at making [the campus center] a real student center," said Clint McCarthy, president of the senior class and of the association of residence halls.

Galeone agreed that space in the campus center should be available to every student.

"The student groups can function anywhere else as well as they can here," he said. "The space that would be made available could be used for every student on campus."

Other students who belong to campus center groups stressed that no change should take place unless there is full support from the student body.

"I only approve of the change on campus if it's done in a prudent and rational manner, and it receives the support of a wide majority of students," said Larissa Lipani, secretary-treasurer for the senior class.

These plans are also a chance for other students to get involved, according to Galeone. Galeone said that any student wanting to make suggestions can contact him or Erika Giaimo in the SGA office.

"This is a great opportunity for students to have some input," Galeone said.

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Barra declined to comment on the similar circumstances that Brown and Abel cited for leaving and the possibility that the department has a recurring personnel problem.

While Brown does not wish to elaborate at this time as to why he felt uncomfortable in the department, he said "I think that it is a very conservative department that was unsatisfying with me professionally and personally."

"I sat in on his classes and his teaching steadily improved," said Brown's colleague Mary Pinschmidt, professor of biology. She also said that she was not aware of the discomfort that Brown expressed.

The recommendation that Brown's contract be renewed for two years was decided last summer. Brown applied to DuPont Agricultural Products, located in Wilmington, Del., in early November. In mid-December he accepted the position that required him to start in January.

"This job is more scientifically and legally challenging. It allows me to use my background in genetic engineering and my training in patent law. I interface between the

science and legal departments," Brown said.

"We were very fortunate that we had a trained microbiologist available to teach his courses," said Pinschmidt of Senior Lecturer Linda Ameen, who is teaching Brown's genetics and senior seminar courses this semester. However, replacements for all of Brown's courses were not found, and molecular biology was cancelled, and senior biology majors conducting research under Brown's supervision decided not to continue their research according to senior biology major Mary Kate Yost.

"I was disappointed that I can't graduate with honors because I lost my research project. I am disappointed because I am unable to present the material I have researched for the past year. He only told me a week before he left so I didn't have the opportunity to make any other arrangements for myself," Yost said.

"I don't think that he should have left the way he did. Other professors have had to step up and teach his courses even though they are not as familiar as he was with the topics," said senior biology major Kate Barnes, who had two classes with Brown.

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